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RE: Proposed Patent
GPS ANTENNA

Dear Howard:

I've reviewed the prior art search provided me by Simpson, Simpson & Snyder, and after review thereof, in my opinion there is sufficient distinction between your invention and the prior art reviewed to support a patent application.

It is my understanding that the presence of the magnesite in the polymer surrounding the antenna, combined with the orientation of the antenna in regard to the aluminum attachment bracket, the dielectric material used to mount the antenna to the bracket and the spacial orientation of the combination in regard to its mounted position on a vehicle, provide a synergy which enables superior reception of GPS satellite transmissions.

In my opinion this combination of distinctions from the prior art, will allow you to pursue claims to a particular arrangement of components mounted to a vehicle, to the specific arrangement of the antenna alone and in combination with the bracket, and even methods of doing business incorporating spacial orientations of components.

In my opinion,

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I expect to have a difficult time

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prosecuting this application and that it will be a protracted effort.

In the present case, the cost of services which I will charge you for preparing the application for filing can be expected to be somewhere between about ~~redacted~~ Service charges are dependent upon the number of hours it takes to prepare the application for filing and I'm estimating about 25 hours. Unless the number of hours becomes excessive, I expect to keep costs within the range.

In addition there will be disbursements of about \$400.00 for US Patent Office Filing Fee and \$400 - \$500 for obtaining patent drawings from a patent draftsman. The Filing Fee is dependent upon the number and type of claims we end up with after preparation of the application, while the cost of drawings is dependent upon the number of sheets of drawings which we end up with.

Prosecution costs cannot be estimated, as they are completely dependent upon what the USPTO comes up with. Again costs will be dependent in large part upon the amount of time spent responding to Official Actions and various fees that might be required because of strategic actions which might be taken during prosecution. Generally the cost of prosecution ends up being less than the cost of getting an application on file.

If you wish to proceed on this matter, I require a retainer in the amount of ~~re-dacted~~ which will be billed against the retainer for services completed during preparation. When the application is finalized for filing in the USPTO I will require the balance to be paid to date.

When organizing your finances in regard to pursuing a patent, I am counting on preparing a large part of this application this Martin Luther King 3 day weekend, with hope that I can work in the completion of it during the following 3 weeks. Once the application is on file you can mark your product as "patent pending". Prosecution is at the convenience of the Patent Office and probably won't begin for about 6-8 months after filing. Each time I receive an Official Action I will provide you an estimate of the cost of responding and bill you for same upon completion of the particular response.

Please immediately advise me of your thoughts regarding the aforesaid so that I can arrange my weekend in accord with your decision.

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Enclosed is my Statement for the Agreement I prepared for you regarding

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Very truly yours,

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